

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A snap together panel connection system comprising:

a first panel and a second panel each with an edge and at least two corners;

a latch and a catch located near each corner, said catch with elongated deformable slot walls having a length and being substantially rigid and having adequate memory and elasticity to deform and snap back and said latch with an elongated enlarged head having a length substantially similar as the length of said slot walls, wherein ~~in an assembled state~~, said catch ~~snaps~~ is adapted to snap into engagement with a latch of an adjacent panel in the transverse direction of said elongated deformable slot walls of said catch and wherein said catch and said latch extend at a fixed angle relative to each other and outwardly along said edge; ~~and~~

a straight connector with at least one latch and at least one catch, said catch with elongated deformable slot walls and said latch with an elongated enlarged head extending, through which said latch of said first panel is snapped into said catch of said straight connector and said latch of the straight connector is snapped into said catch of said second panel, the latch and catch combination being firmly mated with each other, through which said straight connector is a bridge between said panels; and

at least one alignment stop at the end of a catch or latch to limit sliding movement of a snapped together latch and catch.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): A snap together connection comprising:

two elements each having at least one latch and catch,

said catch with elongated deformable slot walls having a length and being substantially rigid and having adequate memory and elasticity to deform and snap back and said latch with an elongated enlarged head having a length substantially similar as the length of said slot walls; wherein ~~in an assembled state~~, said catch ~~snaps~~ is adapted to snap into engagement with a latch of an adjacent element in the transverse direction of said elongated deformable slot walls of said catch; ~~and~~,

a straight connector with at least one latch and catch, said catch with elongated deformable slot walls and said latch with an elongated enlarged head through which said elements are connected to said straight connector by snapping a latch or catch of each element into a corresponding latch or catch of said straight connector, the latch and catch combination being firmly mated with each other, through which said straight connector is a bridge between said elements; and

at least one alignment stop at the end of a catch or latch to limit sliding movement of a snapped together latch and catch.

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (previously presented): The system of claim 1 wherein each panel is substantially the same size and shape.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The system of claim 1 wherein at least one panel is not substantially the same size and shape as the other panel.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The snap together connection of claim 3 wherein at least one element is a panel.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The snap together connection of claim 7 3 wherein ~~said panel~~ said two elements are panels having substantially the same size and shape.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The snap together connection of claim 3 wherein at least one element is a selected from the group consisting of a metal frame, a wood frame, a rattan frame, a rattan grid, a wicker grid, a wicker frame, a metal sheet, cardboard, foam, fiberboard, laminate, wood and a metal grid panel.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A snap together panel connection system comprising:
a first panel and a second panel each with an edge and two corners, said first panel and said second panel affixed to a corner cover at each of said two corners; a latch and a

catch located near each corner cover, said catch with elongated deformable slot walls having a length and being substantially rigid and having adequate memory and elasticity to deform and snap back and said latch with an elongated enlarged head having a length substantially similar as the length of said slot walls wherein ~~in an assembled state~~, said catch ~~snaps~~ is adapted to snap into engagement with a latch of an adjacent panel in the transverse direction of said elongated deformable slot walls of said catch wherein said catch and latch extend at a fixed angle relative to each other and outwardly along said edge;

a straight connector with one latch and one catch, said catch with elongated deformable slot walls and said latch with an elongated enlarged head extending, through which said latch of the first panel's corner cover is snapped into said catch of said straight connector and said latch of said straight connector is snapped into said catch of the second panel's corner cover, the latch and catch combination being firmly mated with each other, through which said straight connector is a bridge between said panels; and

at least one alignment stop at the end of a catch or latch to limit sliding movement of a snapped together latch and catch.

Claim 11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (currently amended): A snap together connection comprising:

two elements each connected to at least two panel covers, each panel cover having a latch and a catch, each catch with elongated deformable slot walls having a length and being substantially rigid and having adequate memory and elasticity to deform and snap back and each latch with an elongated enlarged head having a length substantially similar as the length of the slot walls; wherein ~~in an assembled state~~, said catch ~~snaps~~ is adapted to snap into engagement with a latch of an adjacent panel cover in the transverse direction of said elongated deformable slot walls of said catch, the latch and catch combination being firmly mated with each other; and

a straight connector having at least a latch and a catch, said catch with a elongated deformable slot walls and said catch with an elongated enlarged head, through which said straight connector forms a bridge between said panel covers; and

at least one alignment stop at the end of a catch or latch to limit sliding movement of a snapped together latch and catch.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The snap together connection of claim 12 wherein the elements are panels.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The snap together connection of claim 12 wherein the elements are frames.

Claim 15 (canceled)

Claim 16 (canceled)

Claim 17 (previously presented): A snap together connection comprising:

a first connector having a latch and a catch pair located on an end of said first connector, said catch with elongated deformable slot walls having a length and being substantially rigid and having adequate memory and elasticity to deform and snap back and said latch with an elongated enlarged head having a length substantially similar as the length of the slot walls; wherein said latch and catch extend at a fixed angle relative to each other and outwardly along said at least one end, wherein ~~in an assembled state~~, said catch ~~snaps~~ is adapted to snap into engagement with a latch of an adjacent connector in the transverse direction of said elongated deformable slot walls of said catch, the latch and catch combination being firmly mated with each other;

a second connector having a latch and a catch pair located on an end of said second connector, said catch with elongated deformable slot walls having a length and being substantially rigid and having adequate memory and elasticity to deform and snap back and said latch with an elongated enlarged head having a length substantially similar as the length of the slot walls; wherein said latch and catch extend at a fixed angle relative to each other and outwardly along said at least one end, wherein in an assembled state, said catch snaps into engagement with a latch of an adjacent connector in the transverse direction of said elongated deformable slot walls of said catch, the latch and catch combination being firmly mated with each other; and

a straight connector having at least a latch and a catch, said catch with elongated deformable slot walls and said catch with an elongated enlarged head, said catch with elongated deformable slot walls having a length and being substantially rigid and having adequate memory and elasticity to deform and snap back and each latch with an elongated enlarged head having a length substantially similar as the length of the slot walls, through which said straight connector forms a bridge between said first connector and said second connector in which each connector is connected to the straight connector with said latch or catch of each connector snapped into the corresponding latch or catch of said straight connector; and

at least one alignment stop at the end of a catch or latch to limit sliding movement of a snapped together latch and catch.

Claim 18 (currently amended): A snap together connection comprising:

a first connector having a latch and a catch pair supported on said first connector, said catch with elongated deformable slot walls having a length and being substantially rigid and having adequate memory and elasticity to deform and snap back and said latch with an elongated enlarged head having a length substantially similar as the length of said slot walls; wherein said latch and catch extend at a fixed angle relative to each other and outwardly along said connector, ~~wherein in an assembled state, said catch snaps~~ is adapted to snap into engagement with a latch of an adjacent connector in the transverse direction of said elongated deformable slot walls of said catch, the latch and catch combination being firmly mated with each other;

a second connector having a latch and a catch pair supported on said second connector, said catch with elongated deformable slot walls having a length and being substantially rigid and having adequate memory and elasticity to deform and snap back and said latch with an elongated enlarged head having a length substantially similar as the length of said slot walls; wherein said latch and catch extend at a fixed angle relative to each other and outwardly along said connector, wherein in an assembled state, said catch snaps into engagement with a latch of an adjacent connector in the transverse direction of said elongated deformable slot walls of said catch, the latch and catch combination being firmly mated with each other; and

a straight connector having at least a latch and a catch, said catch with elongated deformable slot walls having a length and being substantially rigid and having adequate memory and elasticity to deform and snap back and said latch with an elongated enlarged head, having a

length substantially similar as the length of said slot walls, through which said straight connector forms a bridge between said first connector and said second connector in which each connector is connected to said straight connector by snapping a latch or catch of each connector into the corresponding latch or catch of said straight connector; and

at least one alignment stop at the end of a catch or latch to limit sliding movement of a snapped together latch and catch.